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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Analytical Methodology Research
SUBJECT : External Training (U)

1. (U) In order to increase the scope of my research capability for ORD, I am requesting a period of intensive training in clinical psychology. Until recently, my major fields of specialization in terms of both academic training and work experience have been in experimental psychology, human factors engineering, and personnel psychology. Prior to joining the Agency the bulk of my research was devoted to maximization of the man-machine interface in aircraft, simulator, weapon, and computer systems. This emphasis continued while I served as an intelligence analyst in OSI. As an OSI analyst my efforts were devoted to assessing the operational capability of various Soviet weapon systems on the basis of operator capabilities and limitations.

2. (U) During my tour with ORD/AMR I have been given responsibility for the development and conduct of a wide variety of research projects. Often my current skills are directly applicable to the problem at hand. However, in such research areas as: (1) application of self-hypnosis and biofeedback as polygraph countermeasures; (2) development of remote polygraph equipment and procedures; (3) assessment of research on parapsychology; and (4) development of improved direct and indirect personality assessment procedures, significant benefit could accrue to the research from application of the experience with human behavior that can only be gained in the clinical environment. In response to this recognized need, during the preceding year I took steps to augment my academic background and completed three post-graduate courses in clinical psychology.

3. (U) With the current emphasis on the application of an interdisciplinary approach in the solution of R&D problems and constraints on manning levels, it behooves each ORD scientist to broaden his academic training to the greatest extent feasible. Since AMR does not currently employ a clinical

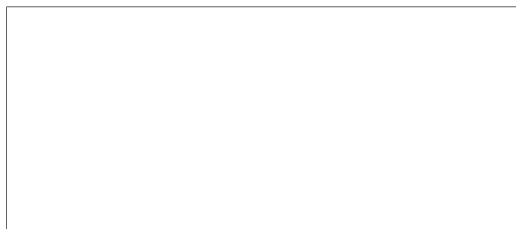
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psychologist, and we are often called upon to render research judgements that could benefit from clinical experience, I am requesting an intensified program of clinical study. This study will take the form of a one year clinical internship and completion of this training should represent the same value to ORD as the addition of a new staff member with clinical training.

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